

HOUSE BILL 1261

By Ragan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3;
Title 4; Title 12; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71,
relative to building codes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(i)

(1) Notwithstanding any rule or law to the contrary, a county or a municipality may, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its legislative body, adopt a resolution to exempt the county or municipality from the International Energy Conservation Code standards applicable to any building or structure classified for use and occupancy purposes as:

- (A) Factory industrial F-1 moderate-hazard;
- (B) Factory industrial F-2 low-hazard;
- (C) Moderate-hazard storage group S-1; or
- (D) Low-hazard storage group S-2.

(2) The International Energy Conservation Code standards as adopted by the state fire marshal through the promulgation of rules establishing minimum statewide building construction safety standards that are applicable to any building or structure classified as factory industrial F-1 moderate-hazard, factory industrial F-2 low-hazard, moderate-hazard storage group S-1, or low-hazard storage group S-2, shall not apply if the county or municipality exercises the authority granted pursuant to subdivision (i)(1) and certifies in writing to the state

fire marshal that the county or municipality has chosen to adopt and enforce amended or alternative versions of International Energy Conservation Code standards.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.